

FISCAL NOTE

HB 3138 - SB 3074

February 14, 2002

SUMMARY OF BILL:

- Requires the Department of Environment and Conservation to maintain a registry of riparian lands along designated scenic rivers that are not within a scenic river boundary and are not in state ownership, and whose owners have voluntarily agreed to maintain them in a natural state. Such registration shall not be binding or involve any transfer of property rights.
- Adds a segment of the Wolf River to the Class I Natural River Areas, and provides that the new Wolf River segment will be under the program of cooperative effort for setting boundaries that was established in 2001 for the Duck River.
- Adds five new Natural Areas:
 - Meeman-Shelby Forest - Class II Natural-Scientific Area, 11,000 acres, Shelby County
 - Auntney Hollow- Class II Natural-Scientific Area, 27 acres, Lewis County
 - Carroll Cabin Barrens- Class II Natural-Scientific Area, 200 acres, Decatur County
 - Duck River Complex - Class II Natural-Scientific Area, 2,100 acres, Murray County
 - Scott's Gulf- Class II Natural-Scientific Area, 8,000 acres, White County
- Expands five existing Natural Areas:
 - Ghost River - Class I Scenic-Recreational Area, 220 acres, Fayette County
 - Colditz Cove - Class II Natural-Scientific Area, 93 acres, Fentress County
 - Frozen Head State Park - Class II Natural- Scientific Area, 1250 acres, Morgan County
 - Fall Creek Falls State Park - Class II Natural-Scientific Area, 1,309 acres, Van Buren and Bledsoe County
 - Couchville Cedar Glade - Class II Natural-Scientific Area, 5 acres, Davidson County.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - Not Significant

Any additional costs that might occur can be absorbed with existing staff and resources in the Department of Environment and Conservation.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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